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1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, AMBASSADOR
DISPATCHED FOLLOWING LETTER TO GOVERNOR STRAUB IN RESPONSE
TO GOVERNOR'S EARLIER LETTER OF JANUARY 11 (REFTEL A).

2. BEGIN TEXT: DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 1977. DEAR GOVERNOR
STRAUB: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF
JANUARY 11 REGARDING YOUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE
PLIGHT OF JOANN MCDANIEL. I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN
OVER TIMEING, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND SHARE YOUR
DESIRE TO OPT FOR A SOLUTION WHICH OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE MOST RAPID ALLEVIATION OF MS. MCDANIEL'S PLIGHT.
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ROUTE WE PURSUE, HOWEVER, WE MAY
WELL BE IN FOR A FAIRLY LONG PULL. THE TURKS, AS YOU
KNOW, HAVE IN THE PAST RECEIVED A GOOD DEAL OF SEVERE
CRITICISM FROM AMERICAN QUATERS, THE GIST OF WHICH
HAS BEEN THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S OPIUM-GROWING
POLICIES HAVE UNDERMINED THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT TO COMBAT
DRUG TRAFFICKING. THIS IN TURN HAS MADE THEM RATHER
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RESENTFUL OF, AND SOMEWHAT RESISTENT TO, WHAT THEY
REGARD AS INCONSISTENT US EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE ON THE
OTHER HAND THE PLIGHT OF AMERICANS CONVICTED BY TURKISH
COURTS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING.

3. IN VIEW OF THIS PROBLEM (AND THE COMPLEXITIES
OF TRYING TO MESH OUR TWO LEGAL SYSTEMS), I CANNOT BE

HOPEFUL THAT EITHER THE REPATRIATION OR THE TREATY ROUTE WILL MOVE WITH GREAT RAPIDITY. NEVERTHELESS I BELIEVE THAT, COUPLED WITH PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE, EACH CAN OFFER AT LEAST SOME PROSPECT OF SUCCESS. THE TURKISH MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE ARE NOW STAFFING OUT MY SUGGESTION THAT A MEXICAN-TYPE TREATY BE CONCLUDED WITH THE UNITED STATES. DESPITE OUR PRESSING, THIS PROCESS WITHIN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE SOME TIME. IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE MORE TIME THAN NECESSARY, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOW GOING THROUGH THE LEGAL FORMALITIES NECESSARY TO EMPOWER ME TO NEGOTIATE SUCH A TREATY SHOULD THE TURKISH RESPONSE BE FAVORABLE. IF THE TURKS ARE INTERESTED IN THE TREATY ROUTE, I CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT THIS WILL BE THE SOUNDEST AND MOST PROMISING OF THE TWO COURSES WE HAVE DISCUSSED.

4. THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN ADANA WAS IN ANKARA AT THE END OF LAST WEEK. HE HAD SEEN JOANN AND KATHY A FEW DAYS BEFORE THAT, AND HE REPORTS THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO GET ALONG WELL, OR AT LEAST AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED UNDER THEIR VERY SAID CIRCUMSTANCES. SINCERELY.
(SINGED) BILL MACOMBER. END TEXT.
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